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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (Currently Amended) An animal toy comprising a body portion, said body comprising a compressible material and a first fabric material disposed partially over said compressible material, said first fabric material comprising fibers having a tensile strength greater than or equal to 50,000 psi and/or a modulus greater than or equal to 500,000 psi, which are blended or interwoven with conventional fiber material and a second fabric material partially disposed over said compressible material and a portion of said first fabric material, said second fabric material comprising fibers having a tensile strength less than 50,000 psi and/or a modulus less than 500,000 psi.

Claim 2. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein the tensile strength of said fibers of said first fabric material is greater than or equal to 100,000 psi.

Claim 3. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said tensile strength of said fibers of said first fabric material is greater than or equal to 200,000 psi.

Claim 4. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said modulus of said fibers of said first fabric material is at least 1 Mpsi.

Claim 5. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said modulus of said fibers of said first fabric material is between about 1 Mpsi and 30 Mpsi.

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Claim 6-7. (Cancelled)

Claim 8. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein the first fabric material comprises fibers that have a first axis of orientation, and wherein said second fabric material comprise fibers having a second axis of orientation, and wherein said first and second axis of orientation are different.

Claim 9. (Original) The animal toy according to claim 8 wherein said first and second axis of orientation intersect one another to form an angle of between 1-179 degrees.

Claim 10. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said first fabric material comprises aramid fiber.

Claim 11. (Previously Amended) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said first fabric material comprises polyethylene fiber.

Claim 12. (Original) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said compressible material comprises a foam material.

Claim 13. (Original) The animal toy according to claim 1, wherein said compressible material comprises at least one of natural and synthetic batting or fill.

Claim 14. (Original) The animal toy of claim 13 wherein said batting or fill is selected from the group consisting of polyester, nylon, cotton, wool, or mixtures thereof.

Claim 15. (Cancelled)

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Claim 16. (Previously Amended) The animal toy of claim 1, wherein said fibers of said first fabric material have a monoaxial orientation of greater than about 50%.

Claim 17-18. (Cancelled)

Claim 19. (New) The animal toy of claim 1 wherein said body portion further comprises a third fabric material comprising fibers having a tensile strength greater than or equal to 50,000 psi and/or a modulus greater than or equal to 500,000 psi disposed partially over said first fabric material.

Claim 20. (New) The animal toy of claim 19 wherein said first fabric material has a first axis of orientation and said third fabric material has a third axis of orientation at an angle of between 1-179 degrees from said first axis of orientation.

Claim 21. (New) The animal toy of claim 1 wherein said first fabric material is selectively positioned on the animal toy at those locations that are more prone to the chewing or biting action of the animal.

Claim 22. (New) The animal toy of claim 1 wherein said compressible material is isolated to certain regions of the animal toy.

Claim 23. (New) An animal toy comprising a body portion, said body portion comprising a compressible material, a first fabric material disposed partially over said compressible material, and a second fabric material disposed partially over said first fabric material, said first and second fabric materials comprise fibers having a tensile strength greater

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than or equal to 50,000 psi and/or a modulus greater than or equal to 500,000 psi, and said first and second fabric materials include an axis of orientation, wherein said fabric materials have a higher strength in one direction versus another direction, and said axis of orientation of said first and second materials are not aligned relative to each other.

Claim 24. (New) The animal toy of claim 23 wherein said compressible material is selected from the group consisting of foam, fiber based batting, fiber based fill, elastomeric material and shredded material.

Claim 25. (New) The animal toy of claim 23 wherein said first fabric material and said second fabric material are adjacent and said axes of orientation are at an angle between 1-179 degrees relative to each other.